

REMARKS

This amendment accompanies a request for continued examination.

Claim 1 has been amended so that it now specifically requires that the suit only comprises an outer protective layer, the compressible layer, typically of neoprene, and the wool or wool blend layer.

Applicant has made this amendment to the claim, as in the Examiner's latest Office Action, he again refers to the fact that Applicant has not specifically limited the claims to only include specific layers. Following discussions with the applicant, we believe that the three layers as now defined in claim 1, which is the most commonly used commercial embodiment of the suit, distinguish the art of record. A number of other independent claims (50, 52, and 53-55) have been added at the end of the set of claims, each of which include another feature which is derived from the original description. Thus, clear basis for this amended matter is present in the original disclosure.

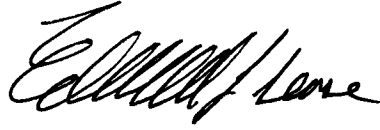
This amendment accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$405.00 (small) for the RCE per the attached transmittal.

Please also charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$550.00 for 5 new independent claims over 3 (\$110 each).

No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund J. Sease". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edmund" being more prominent than the last name "Sease".

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